

PART 624—CLEAN FUELS FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

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APPENDIX A TO PART 624—PRE-APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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§ 624.1 Eligible applicant.

(a) An eligible applicant is a designated recipient (designated recipient has the same meaning as in 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2)) in either an:

(1) Ozone and carbon monoxide non-attainment areas that have the specific classifications established by the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments [Public Law 101-549], or

(2) Ozone and carbon monoxide (CO) “maintenance” areas that, before they were redesignated to attainment by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), had these same classifications.

(b) The nonattainment classifications for ozone are “marginal,” “moderate,” “serious,” “severe,” and “extreme.” The nonattainment classifications for CO are “moderate” and “serious.”

§ 624.3 Eligible activities.

(a) Eligible activities include the purchase or lease of clean fuel buses and facilities, repowering or retrofitting buses to operate on clean fuels, and the improvement of existing facilities to accommodate clean fuel buses.

(b) The term “clean fuel vehicle” means a vehicle that—

- (1) Is powered by—
 - (i) Compressed natural gas;
 - (ii) Liquefied natural gas;
 - (iii) Biodiesel fuels;
 - (iv) Batteries;
 - (v) Alcohol-based fuels;
 - (vi) Hybrid electric;
 - (vii) Fuel cells;
 - (viii) Clean diesel, to the extent allowed under this section; or
 - (ix) Other low or zero emissions technology; and

(2) The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has certified sufficiently reduces harmful emissions.

(c) Eligible projects are the following:

(1) Purchasing or leasing clean fuel buses, including buses that employ a lightweight composite primary structure, and vans for use in revenue service. The purchase or lease of non-revenue vehicles is not an eligible project.

(2) Constructing or leasing clean fuel bus facilities or electrical recharging facilities and related equipment. Facilities and related equipment for clean diesel buses are not eligible.

(3) Improving existing mass transportation facilities to accommodate clean fuel buses.

(4) Repowering pre-1993 engines with clean fuel technology that meets the current urban bus emission standards. Repowering means the removal of an engine from a bus followed by the installation of another engine and applies to engines that are replaced with new, previously unused, engines as well as those exchanged from an inventory of rebuilt engines.

(5) Retrofitting or rebuilding pre-1993 engines if before half life (*e.g.*, prior to six years of bus life) to rebuild; “retrofit” means use of the latest after-market technology such as “upgrade kits,” or after-treatment devices that treat the exhaust after it has left the engine, such as catalytic converters and particulate filters.

(6) At the discretion of FTA, projects relating to clean fuel, biodiesel, hybrid electric, or zero emissions technology vehicles that achieve emissions reductions equivalent or superior to existing clean fuel or hybrid electric technologies.

§ 624.5 Application process.

(a) Pre-applications must be submitted to the appropriate FTA regional office no later than January 1 of each fiscal year. Subject to the availability of funds, FTA will apportion the funds based on the formula and the pool of applicants, no later than February 1 of each year. Once the applicant has been notified of the apportionment of funds and the eligibility of its application, it should proceed to complete and file the final application. The final application